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Wendell Town

There's a town in Massachusetts where I
live.
It sits real high upon a hill.
The air is clean and the grass so green -
The woods are mostly filled with evergreens.
We have no streets, only roads to find our
homes.
We like our town the way it is and fight
to keep our country ways.
We fill our schools with children so dear
And hope they learn of the worldly ways
But time is against us you can see and the
world keeps changing but not me:
I like the smell of our soft gentle rain -
I like to see the morning sun rise again -
I like to know my friends are here
Because they care and help without fear.
Don't let this town change its ways -
Keep it happy all its days -
For Wendell is the best place to stay -
To live free as we all go our ways.

by Carolyne Carey 1979

In early September, the family and friends of the late Bill Thompson gathered together on the Town Common to plant a pin oak tree in his memory. Broadus Mitchell, a close friend of the deceased, spoke of Bill's love for people, he lived this philosophy.

A brass plaque mounted on a stone near the base of the oak is engraved with Bill's name. Our town is richer for his having been part of our community.

Your Freedom/Zoning

by Jonathan van Ranson

Nearly everyone in Wendell would like a way to protect the Town from sudden large-scale development that would drastically change the character of the Town. Say a whole hillside of new houses, as some fear may be planned in the Farley section of Wendell, or a noisy, unsightly factory on the Common.

But, historically, few have shown willingness to give up any of their own freedom to develop as whimsically as they please, a freedom now enjoyed in unzoned, unrestricted Wendell.

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COMMITMENT

A quote by anthropologist Margaret Mead has echoed in my thinking about the year just passed in Wendell. In 1977, commenting on the future of communities, she said,"If you really want to save an endangered species, save the village." To me, this line of thinking presupposes a commitment to one's community as a means , as well as, an end. A look at the nature of this commitment might be useful in assessing the future of our community.

In general, because of its size and political clout, Wendell is relatively limited in the number of government services available to it. So many of its services are provided only when we pitch in to fill the void. Police, fire protection, school related programs, all benifit from extra effort provided by ordinary citizens. More than just maintaining an institution is involved here. There is often just a lot of work to do. Whatever one's judgement of the results, it is remarkable that the selectboard meets weekly for meager compensation, but sees that town business is done. There are opporunities here for ordinary citizens to carry some of the load.

Such opportunities require two things--communication and an attitude that town business does not serve just individual interests but that it is the concern of us all. Remembering some of the conflicts of the past year, it may be worthwhile reconsidering the possible consequences of such disputes. Is it most important that one point of view prevails? Or would it be better if means were found to better understand the conflicts and to find solutions that all of us could promote?

An ageless dream perhaps, such accomadations to one and another, but it reflects one of the most commonly held resources we share in this town. More people in this town are proud to say they are from Wendell than otherwise. Even when we grumble with each other we care if Wendell will come out alright. Considering the state of things in general, Wendell is not doing too poorly. Perhaps what we need most now is to find some new ways to feel good about each other.

Taking a clear look at ourselves is tough sometimes. The faults always seem to stick out. But there is no other way to put to use our commitment to this special place than to look carefully at what is happening here.The Wendell Post will continue to keep an eye on our town and share with all citizens its observations. We hope this might lead our readers to finding ways in which they can help to make our community a sound one.

Its no news that the Wendell Post has been foundering this fall, largely a victim of a people-energy crisis (of their own making.) The staff has undergone some serious self-examination and come up with some new rules for shaping up our operation. More changes are coming up. Almost unspoken, but unchanged, is a revived commitment to being part of a community that survives. Our village is endangered only by our neglect. The Wendell Post will continue to call your attention to needs to be met and to the good life we all share.

Micheal Idoine

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WCC Presses Opposition To Route 2

Since this summer Wendell Concerned Citizens (WCC) has employed a series of diplomatic efforts to further their opposition to the construction of Rt. 2 through Wendell State Forest.

On September 18th they met with Franklin County Commissioners to convince them to change their support of the proposed new highway. They declined to do so. The Commissioners stood by their notion that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) should be completed before considering any other alternatives to this plan. They maintained this determination even in the face of the 4(f) statute objections raised by the seven WCC members.

The day before three WCC members met with John Willey, Robert McDonough, and Associate Commissioner Rodick of the Massachusetts DPW in Boston. John "Klondike" Koehler, Michael Idoine, and George Gulick tried to press the DPW people for a rationale for the DPW's refusal to plan an upgrading for the existing Rt. 2 through Erving center. Their reply was that the DPW was committed to the South Bank through the final EIS process. Further they expressed doubt that a road could be built to acceptable standards in that location.

Since that time WCC members have pressed their position with Rep. Benson, Sen Wetmore, and Douglas McGarrah of U.S. Sen. Tsongas office. While expressing an interest in resolution of this impasse, they saw no solution beside the present course of the project.

In recent meetings WCC members have considered renewing their efforts to convince county agencies to adopt the plan to upgrade the existing highway. WCC members feel that their plan would speed completion of this long-desired highway improvement.

Town Questions Northfield Diversion Project

The Wendell Selectboard and the Wendell Conservation Commision have forwarded questions and reservations about the proposed Northfield Water Supply Project. This is a proposed pipeline from the Connecticut River to the Quabbin Reservoir.

It is hoped by MDC planners that this aqueduct will supply 370 million gallons of water per day to the reservoir that serves the Greater Boston area. The concern of the Wendell town officials is that plans, so far, have not seriously taken into account numerous possible impacts on the town.

The Selectboard by way of a letter drafted by James Moynihan, Administrative Assistant, asked about the following considerations of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA):

1. What is the current planned path of the tunnel? How final are plans; would citizens have input into plans; will all people be underground; what is the extent of land taking?
2. What is environmental effect on "generally rural and wooded" property? Will tunnel affect state forest and recreational land.
3. What impact and to what degree would tunnel have on wetlands?
4. What impact on town tax structure?
5. How will citizens and their "quality of life" be impacted?

According to Charles T. Smith, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, his board recently passed the following resolution opposing the planned diversion:

whereas water conservation and the repair of leaky pipelines could render diversion unnessary;

whereas the conduit of potentially

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&
Happy New Year
Ed Judice, Photographer

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radioactive waters may toxify our wells and aquifer irremediably;

and whereas the proposed construction shaft close to the intersection of Wendell Depot Rd. and Plain Rd. threatens the unique ecosystem of heron rookeries and bird sanctuary adjacent there to;

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Wendell opposes the proposed Northfield-Quabbin water diversion project.

Smith says that he plans to place this resolution before the Annual Town Meeting for approval. He has forwarded more detailed comments to the EOEA. Any Wendell citizens interested in this project my contact Smith (Star Rte. Box 51A), Maynihan (544-6332), or the Selectboard.

Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting December 18, approved a prohibition of herbicide spray and disposed of 11 money articles.

After a lengthy presentation describing the dangers of herbicide spraying by Nina Keller, the Town Meeting resolved to prohibit such spraying. Ms. Keller plans to work with the Wendell Board of Health to prepare a ban on spraying as a bylaw to be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting.

Among major money consideration, the Town voted to retain $35,257 in its Free Cash account rather than allow it to go against the tax rate. $32,434 was approved under Mass. Chap. 480 to be used for highway construction and improvements except on Montague and New Salem Rds. $26,304 was accepted to be expended by the Town under Chapter 81 provisions.

For $1,700 the Town will have a new portable welder generator for the Highway Dept. for work and electrical outage emergencies. $600 will go to the Police Dept. for highway patrol mileage, and $600 will go to the Assessors for expenses incurred during local action with W. Mass. Elec. Co. The Selectboard was given $150 toward a new adding machine.

An article was passed which allows the Selectboard to accept donations specifically for fuel for non-official Town Hall functions. $500 was raised to keep up with the inflating Town Hall fuel bill. The meeting refused to approve a $2,500 expenditure toward upgrading the safe.

In the second meeting called for that night $150 was approved to plow snow on Old Erving Rd. during the '79-80 winter season.

THE WENDELL FREE LIBRARY NOTES

by Tine Cohen

Although it may be cold out, the Wendell Free Library does not intend to hibernate this winter! In the works is a winter film series aimed to please all ages. Details will be publicized as soon as the schedule is confirmed.

In November, the library sponsored a fete in honor of National Children's Book Week, focusing on preschool age children and their parents. Two film versions of popular books were shown and refreshments were served. Twenty-two people attended. Tina Cohen, head librarian, plans more sessions aimed at this age group, including topics such as fairy and folk tales, Montessori methods and materials, and creative dramatics.

January will see us purchasing more books for our collection. We are currently trying to sort out our long overdue book list and ascertain what is lost or irretrievable. If you have any materials overdue, no matter for what length of time, the Library needs them back! We don't have the time nor means to go after overdue books with a vengeance, but replacing them cuts into our budget severely and limits the amount of new materials we can acquire. Your cooperation in this is needed and greatly appreciated!

The Library would like to remind you that Saturday hours are currently curtailed due to fuel costs. Our winter hours are: Tues. 12 -2 and 6 - 8 P.M. and Wed. , 12 -4 and 6 - 8 P.M.

Rt 2 From The Erving side

The 6 customers at Bob and Jo's on Rt. 2 in Erving Center and Jo herself all agreed that they did not want Rt. 2 in Erving. "We have got to get rid of the trucks. I thank God no one's been killed out front here", said the man in the orange hunting jacket. "But what we don't need is that bridge across town; they wanted to put a concrete post down my chimney."

Another man thought the road would never be built. "If they do build it, I think it'll be north of town. Not through Wendell." He waited a moment, then added, "All the money's spent inside 128; we've waited 20 years."

Jo, the owner, saw no adverse effects to her business from the construction of the throughway. She was as anxious as the others to limit traffic in town. The young man who had not had much to say put in that the really dangerous place was in the flats by the river where they really "opened up".

About the question of the trucks serving the Erving Paper Company, the customers agreed that the problem was more the trucks going through town. "The trucks coming to the paper company know enough to slow down".

West of Erving Center, Ralph Semp, who owns French King Bowling could not see much need for a new Rt. 2. "There's only a couple weekends a year - one most of the time - in October when there's any traffic to speak of. I can see a need to upgrade the road, mostly re-surfacing and widening shoulders." "But", Semp continued, "I don't want to dictate to the people in the village or say anything that would hurt them". Semp was more forceful about any re-location of Rt. 2 in his area. "If they put the road north of here, if they go on with the total plan to Greenfield, my business will definitely be affected. For the worse".

Though the mood of the Erving people to whom the Wendell Post spoke was reflective of the 20 years of waiting which the Town has experienced, the Dept. of Public Works is in fact proceeding with the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the South Bank Alignment through Wendell. The final EIS will include a study which is now being concluded by Mass. D.P.W. consultants, Schoenfeld Associates, of the upgrade possibilities of Rt. 2 through Erving Center. The yet-to-be released report considers three options which extend from a traffic control approach to a high speed limited access design for upgrading Rt. 2 from the Orange/Wendell line to Farley Village

These proposed designs have been drawn up in response to objections by the National Wildlife Federation, The Conservation Law Foundation, Wendell Concerned Citizens, and The Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Management. In various ways these groups have complained that the present road-way has not been adequately considered as an alternative to taking the public lands in the Wendell State Forest. The questions left open are whether any of these proposals would meet standards for federal funding or if they could surmount the political objections to such construction.

Wayne Melville, Franklin County Transportation Planner, made a similar point when he said to the Wendell Post that the traffic control options described by Schoenfeld were adequate to the traffic volumes on Rt. 2 for the forseeable future. "We have been limited in planning," he said, "by the need to adhere to federal requirements. It's true that the attitude toward these standards has been loosening up for a few years, however". "Don't forget, "Melville concluded, "the Planning Board is on record in favor of an upgrade of Rt. 2 if the southern alignment doesn't fly".

Whether Rt. 2 and the final EIS fly will be up to the Departments of Transportation and Interior sometime in 1980.

by George Gulick

THREE UPGRADING PROPOSALS CONSIDERED IN RECENT SCHOENFELD ASSOCIATES STUDY FOR RT.2 FROM WENDELL DEPOT TO FARLEY

Proposal 1-- Improved Traffic Management-- Would include striping, lights. Improvements would be made within present right-of-way. Staightening curve at Erving Paper Mill an optional possibility.

Proposal 2-- Major Roadway Improvement (Some Outside Current Alignment)-- 2-12' traffic lanes, 2-6' shoulders (where practical). Upgrade geometric design where feasible. Eliminate and/or consolidate arterial roads for safer access to Rt. 2. Some land taking.

Proposal 3-- Limited Access, High Speed Design-- 2-12' traffic lanes, 2-8' shoulders. Limited access. Major land taking.

Social Notes
Wendell Golden Agers

The Wendell Golden Agers met recently at the home of Al and Elsie Diemand to make Christmas wreaths for the graves of their deceased members and their own homes. Their annual Christmas party took place on the 11th at the Town Hall with a turkey dinner, followed by a gift exchange and games. Pearl Hall, Edna Lauro, Virginia Wheeler and Elsie Diemand were in charge of the decorations and table arrangements. Al Diemand did the carving, with Belinda Parsons, Pearl Hall, Virginia Wheeler and Edna Lauro serving. Games were led by Elsie Diemand.

Members are planning to include various arts and crafts in their future meetings and they would welcome any other senior citizens in Wendell to join with them. Kathleen Bezio will take charge of the next meeting which will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 8th at 12 noon.

Annual Christmas Party

The Ladies Aide of Wendell held their Annual Christmas Party at the Town Hall on Dec. 17 for the towns-children. The event was very well attended, not an empty seat to be found in the house, and the children well behaved. Santa and his elves seemed pleased, for each youngster recieved a present.

The Ladies Aide announced that next year they will no longer assume the responsibility of delivering the presents to children who do not attend, but that as always there will continue to be a gift for each Wendell Child.

Paint Project

On August 25, 1979, between six to ten people met at the Congregational Church. The group removed the loose paint from the lower half front of the church. Soon after the scraping party met, the Congregational Church and the Paint Fund brought white paint for the front of the Church.

On September 9, 1979, four people met to paint the part that was scraped.

We would like to thank all those who helped in the painting of the lower-front half of the church; all those who donated time, money and the many other things it took to make it happen.

In the spring we are planning to do more work to the Church. There is paint left, and there are many things the Church needs done. Please think about helping us when the time comes around.

SELECTMAN'S MINUTES

Wendell Town Hall

December 4, 1979

The Board signed a letter to the F.C. Commissioners appointing J. Moynahan as their Representative to the F.C. Advisory Committee.

Dog Officer, Tom Bardsley, reminded the Board that it is time to prepare the leash law for 1980.

Bid Openings - Sand and Salt.

7:15 p.m. - Winter Sand.

Warner Bros. - $4.10 per Ton.

Northfield Sand & Gravel- $2.90 per Ton - Awarded.

7:20 p.m. - Road Salt.

Eastern Minerals - $34.90 per Ton. not Awarded.

It was noted that we can purchase road salt from International Salt Co. for $29.77 per Ton.

Discussed water and ice conditions on Sogard's Hill and near Stillwaters with Highway Surveyor, David Bardsley.

By a 2-1 vote, the Board gave the Recreation Committee permission to use the Town Hall on Dec. 20th for a Disco Party for the 7th-10th grade students of Wendell.

Met with the Finance Committee to discuss the Dec. 18th Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen's Minutes con't.

Tony Kavolius, local "Green Thumb" Rep. informed the Board that there is the possibility of the Town to get a 3 person crew to do maintenance type work.

Discussed the budget procedure for FY 1981 with the Finance Committee. It was agreed that the Finance Committee will furnich the Board with all budget requests as they get turned in.

The Board decided not to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1980. They will sign the payroll warrant on Dec. 31, 1979 at the clerks house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Harry S. Williston, III
Clerk

Police Log

8-18-79	One car accident on West Street, woman injured taken to Athol Memorial Hospital.
8-26-79	Break at William Fisher's Garage, several tools missing.
8-30-79	Break at home of Laura Wietrzykowski; jewelry taken
9-3-79	Two persons arrested at microwave tower
9-11-79	Break at home of Mason Phelps; several items taken
9-12-79	James Cassidy arrested by D.A. Office and charged with rape
9-13-79	Bulldozer on Chapter 90 construction vandalized
9-20-79	Battery stolen from loader on Chapter 90 construction
9-21-79	Person reported car dumping trash on Wendell Hill
10-13-79	One car accident Depot Hill No injuries
11-11-79	Abandoned car found on Sears Rd.
11-14-79	Justin Idoine reported his bike stolen from driveway - 3-speed white bike.
11-18-79	Chris Piner reported vandalism on his camp on West Street
11-23-79	Bennet's on Jennisson Rd. reported one of his geese slaughtered and stolen
12-1-79	Accident on Plane Rd., no injuries
12-3-79	One car accident on Montague Rd., no injuries

Too Much Christmas Spirits? Town Green Takes the Brunt!

Fire Log

Sept. 9	Telephone pole fire on Wendell Depot Rd.
Oct. 22	Smoke investigation at Farley Crossing
Oct. 23	Smoke investigation at Farley Crossing
Oct. 29	Mutual aid to New Salem, house fire
Nov. 19	Electrical fire at Wendell Depot, Johnson residence.
Dec. 9	Smoke investigation at Davis property on New Salem Rd.

Children's Poem

Silver bell merrily ringing
Every caroller's singing
All people are joyful and gay
Spirit is the season's bringing
On this occasion dashing sleighs
Never a sad face seen these days
Stars shine brilliantly over night

Gently giving soft touching rays
Radiant friendship glowing bright
Excited people reunite
Expressing feelings warms the soul
Tenderness a gift of delight
Icicles sparkling clear crystal
Nearby woods drape new fallen snow
Glistening reflecting rainbow
Silent, enchantingly peaceful.

by 5th and 6th grades
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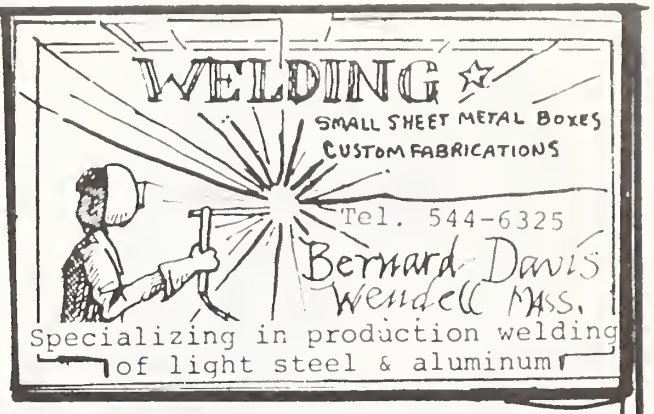

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DUMP HOURS

November 1 (winter)		May 1 (summer)	
Tues.	8-5	Tues.	8-5
Thurs.	8-5	Thurs.	1-6
Sat.	8-5	Sat.	8-6
Sun.	1-5	Sun.	1-6

LIBRARY HOURS

Tues.	12-2	6-8
Wed.	12-4	6-8

POST OFFICE HOURS (Wendell Ctr.)

Mon. - Fri. 7-11:30 AM
2:30-6:00 PM
Saturday 8-12:00 PM

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2:30-6:00 PM

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Post Restaurant Review

with Myron Becker

THE CUPULA West Main St. Orange 544-2526

It seems to me that any community in a civilized area of the U.S. deserves at least one good restaurant. For the Orange-Athol area the vacuum created by the untimely demise of Minichiello's Drum has finally been filled. In fact, good fortune has provided us with 3 different and exciting new establishments in which to indulge our gustatory fantasies, all within 15 minutes of Wendell. The Old Place in Erving, Guess Who's in So. Athol, and The Cupula in Orange all have opened their doors in the past 6 months. This month we will review The Cupula. Stay tuned for reviews of the other new and established eateries of the area in upcoming issues.

From the hand carved wooden sign which advertizes its existance to the viands which come to the table, The Cupula is obviously a creation of artisans with the intention of making a statement of elegant simplicity. The menu which consists of one soup, one appetizer (a shrimp cocktail), nine entrees (priced from $5.50 to $8.25), a variety of sandwich type light meals and a few deserts, is in fact a bit too simple for this reviewers tastes, and needs some broadening out. Notably absent is a more complete selection of appetizers and some pork, lamb, and seafood entrees.

In its present state, the menu provides 5 beef dishes, two of chicken, one fillet of fish, one shrimp dish, and a vegetarian creation for its entree selection. On the top of the Cupula line are their steak offerings, which feature a wonderfully cut chunk of sirloin of thick dimensions and cosmic flavour & consistancy sensitively grilled over coals. Generously garnished with mushroom in a light wine sauce, the succulent piece of steak becomes Steak Danielle ($8.25), which in our humble opinion is the best steak available in the area. The straight Sirloin and oriental Steak Teriyaki utilize the same cut of beef and are tastfully prepared. Another entree well worth mentioning is the Chicken Marco Polo ($5.50), which consists of a boned breast of chicken fully stuffed with a quality cheddar cheese and baked with a robust but gently spiced tomato sauce. Crisping or eliminating the skin prior to saucing would improve this otherwise fine item. All entrees come with a gargantuan salad, correctly prepared and served with a choice of dressings. Try the House Dressing, which with its hint of tarragon is a pleasnt surprise and departure from the usual. The baked potato is not served in foil, a sign of good taste, but the consistancy seemed a bit wrong, perhaps due to incorrect oven temperature. Vegetables are not neglected and are shown more consideration than in many restaurnts, but the bread offered in the form of rather ordinary Parker House type rolls could be improved by replacing with demi-loaves served hot on a board with a crock of butter.

Physically, the restarant is a tribute to the taste of the owners and the talents of the many area craftspersons and artisans who colaborated to create an atmosphere in which eating becomes dining. Reconstructed from an old barn, the ambience is one of space, simple elegance and the earthiness of wood. The service is professionally cordial and responsive. Our impression was that the dining room was almost overstaffed.

Upstairs, a lounge is tastfully appointed with a beautifully crafted wooden bar and comfortably cushioned booths which provide a relaxing and intimate atmosphere to enjoy a libation or two. Sandwiches are served in the lounge. On the whole, The Cupula is a place to be comfortable.

The Cupula is owned and operated by Jane and Bill Mehr. Currently the restaurant is open for dinner only, with dinner hours Sunday-Thursday from 5:00-9:00 and Friday & Saturday open til 10:00. The lounge is open from 4:00 to midnight. Tuesday is the Cupula's day off. Reservations are not accepted. Plans are being made to open for lunches soon after the New Year

HOLIDAY GREETINGS from GIBBS' STORE

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Lou On The Loose

Hello from Lou to you! This is Lou's first column in quite a while and first utilizing GONE-SO style journalism. In my case, Lou is Gone-So much that he never has time to write his column. Nonetheless, since my last report, Wendell's music scene has remained as gonzo as usual, so herewith follows Lou's loose news in brief: This month Tom and Shane Devine will windup their lengthy engagement at the "]704" lounge of the Motel Six in Deerfield. After this gig finishes, they're looking forward to concentrating again on their own material..Fairchild alumnus Pat Jones is living in the Valley again, attending Archie Shepp's class at UMASS and venturing to Wendell on occasion to jam and record... Speaking of recording, Jeff Bauman (ex-Magic Music) has begun local advertising for his "Wendell Studio", possibly the first of its kind in the county if not Western Mass. Although not yet completely furnished, the studio boasts an acoustically designed studio room and, of course, the distinct advantage of being located in Wendell!... One of the studio's first sessions found ex-Ranger John Kozic's Country Style recording some of the country-western standards they include in their local appearances... In early December, Loose Caboose spent two days recording a quickie "demo" tape of six original tunes for interested ears in Jamaica and New York. January 1980 will also see the reggae-rockers with their new drummer, Randy Clunes, replacing Caboose co-founder Jim Cheney. Randy, a Bostonian by way of the Dominican Republic, played for three years with Boston's esteemed Third World Steel Band...As usual, Klondike Koehler, producing engineer with Miki Chisum on the Caboose tape, is up to his ears (no mean feat) in numerous projects both in town and on the road. He's been in NYC with Outerspace, been promoted to night-concert tech director at the New Orleans Jazz Fest and, closer to home, has furnished sound equipment and tech expertise for the WSLE-FM (Peterborough NH) folk concerts with Wendell's Jim Hiscock as lighting director...New in Wendell is pianist Debbie Fier who can also do expert repairs and tuning that could revive that old keyboard sitting in your livingroom... Finally, there is a rumor (perhaps stronger than that) that the Wendell Coffeehouse could return in some form this winter! Keep an eye out for it. Bye.

Lou Caboose

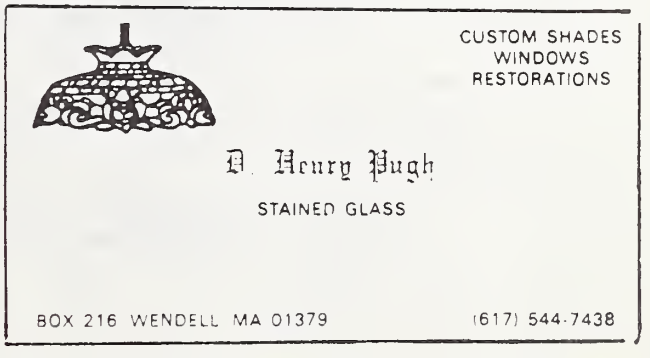
Seabrook Lessons 1979

Several Wendell citizens took part in the attempted October 6 occupation of the Seabrook N.H. nuke plant. They have issued a press-release describing disappointment in the execution and results of that effort.

The people from Wendell went to N.H. as part of the Millers River Allience affinnity group. Major objections to the action centered around the poor communications among occupiers at the site and especially lack of adherence to the plans and principles established before the planned occupation.

An Occupation Handbook states that the goal was"not to provoke a fight nor.... to get arrested." This goal depended on the turn out of enough demonstraters to make the police pressure ineffective. This turn out was greatly overestimated. Since "Police concentration were high all along the fence....our actions often did, in fact, provoke fights." Wendell occupiers were not involved in these confrontations and though they were committed to a long term occupation decided they could no longer support the nature of the actions and left for home on Sunday.

The conclusion of their press-release emphasized their belief that a massive occupatin could be an effective means to halting this nuclear plant. Success would depend however on an ability to reassess future actions realistically and to find ways to use the democratic principles of non-violence to "effectively carry out massive occupations of this type."



Holiday Pictures

Making good family pictures during the holiday season can be surprisingly simple. Most of us dust off the cameras around this time of year and that's a good place to start...Use lens tissue or VERY soft tissue on the lens. Breathe a little moisture on the lens and then wipe gently until it sparkles. Then use the same piece of tissue on the view finder glass. Open the camera and blow out any dust or tiny debris. If you haven't used the camera for a spell, replace the batteries, since worn batteries pose a double threat to your cameras: old batteries won't operate the light metering system most cameras have built in, AND they could also corrode and make contact points rusty. Try to use fresh film (check the expiration date on the box before you buy it) and get a supply of flash bulbs.

Now we're ready to get to the business of shooting good pictures. Maybe a quick mention of faults most people make would be a beginning...Inside, using flash we often see the glare of the flash on the window or wall behind the subject. SO: Look at the background. If it's a glass window or grammar picture or highly polished panelling, position yourself at an angle so the flash won't bounce back to the camera. Sometimes when we make group pictures, Uncle John's face is white as a ghost while little Tommy can hardly be seen because he's come out too dark. RULE: When you shoot the group, don't be shy. Take the few moments to gently arrange everyone in a reasonably even grouping. Everyone should be about the SAME distance from the camera so the flash lights everyone evenly.

When the pictures come back, the people we photographed are so small in the overall picture area, they can hardly be seen. This is one of the most common faults, and I can trace it back to the days of the box camera when it was common to "cut off someone's head". We compensate for this by staying too far from the subject, or we place the top of the subject's head halfway down into the picture. This is all fine--but remember; the high cost of film and processing being what it is, why not use as much of the picture area as possible. In other words: Move in close to your subject! Again, don't by shy. Fill the frame. Be bold, and get in close to capture those happy faces on Christmas morn. Many cameras today are reflex-type cameras that allow you to compose and frame your picture critically. Use the camera to it's maximum capability. When using flash indoors, we often see the subject surrounded by total blackness. Not too bad, but why not take a moment to ask your subject to move closer to a wall or piece of furniture, so the flash can illuminate the background and result in a more pleasing photograph....When shooting groups, try to keep everyone's heads reasonably close--then move in to fill the frame and shoot. When making a picture of someone in a big chair, ask the person to sit up and forward, Then you kneel slightly, and shoot. If not, you're apt to end up with a photo of someone with enormous overexposed (photographically speaking) knees. Turning on the tree lights, then using flash is disappointing at best. Unfortunately, the flash will overpower the delicate glow of the bulbs, so try this: On a bright day, open the curtains, and let sun or light flood the room. Then, set the camera on a tripod or a table, or any solid surface. Compose a nice view to include the tree, turn on the tree lights, and shoot. Make sure the camera is steady. With most automatic cameras, the shutter will stay open long enough to record the image on the film. On adjustable cameras, there is usually information enclosed with the film as to how to make time exposures. Simple cameras, (some Polaroids and Instamatics) won't be able to make these kinds of pictures.

Of course, we should remember the basics, too: Hold the camera steady by keeping your elbows close to your body, and just at the moment of exposure, hold your breath. And of course, don't jerk the button down; rather gently squeeze off the shot--not unlike firing

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a target rifle. This will result in a needle sharp image.

To avoid red eye (caused when the flash literally lights up the back of your subject's eyeball) have the person slightly avert his or her eyes from the flash. This usually happens when the ambient light in the room is low and the subject's pupils are wide open. The person who wears glasses should avert his eyes slightly to avoid the flash bounce-back problem. Most of all, try to arrange your subjects, where possible, to make the best picture, and move in close!

Good luck, and Happy Holidays!

from Ed Judice

Land Transfers

6/29/79 Susan and William E. Pearson III to Micheal and Ruth Fillyaw
East side of Locksvillage Rd.
3.5 acres and building

7/ 6/79 Ronald J. and Judith D. Rowe to George T. and Gail LeBlanc
South side of Montague Rd.
14.4 acres

7/ 9/79 Gilbert and Francis Farmer to Edward J. and Claire P. Farmer
West side Locksvillage Rd.
5 acres

7/ 9/79 Edward J. and Claire P Farmer to Allan N. Emond
west side Locksvillage Rd.
5 acres

7/24/79 Robert A. and Winona Ballou to Susan E.McCaffrey and Don Pugh
west side Lockshill Rd.
1.25 acres and buildings

7/27/79 Brian Merrick and Martha Lynn Ready to Laurel Ann Wilson
south side of Farley Rd.
2 acres

8/ 6/79 William T. Ratliff III to Saul Gliserman, Mitchell Kosh, and Mark Rosen
south side Farley Rd.
3.5 acres and building

9/25/79 Gordon D. Arnold to Craig E. Meadows and Pamela Arnold Meadows
north side Jennison Rd. and east side Locke Hill Rd.
2 acres

10/ 9/79 Noel and Arthur L. Smith to Mark M. Browning
south side Jennison Rd.
acreage

10/10/79 Louis Greco and Micheal V. to James J. Pratt
west side Locksvillage Rd.
1.88 acres

10/11/79 Everett E. Hildreth to Christine J. Hildreth
east side West Street
36 acres

10/11/79 James P. Casino to Mary Houghton
southeast side Jennison Rd.
1.873 acres and building

10/29/79 Lewis A. Greco and Micheal V. Greco to Paul Bazanchuk and Teresa L. O'hare
west side Locksvillage Rd.
4.53 acres

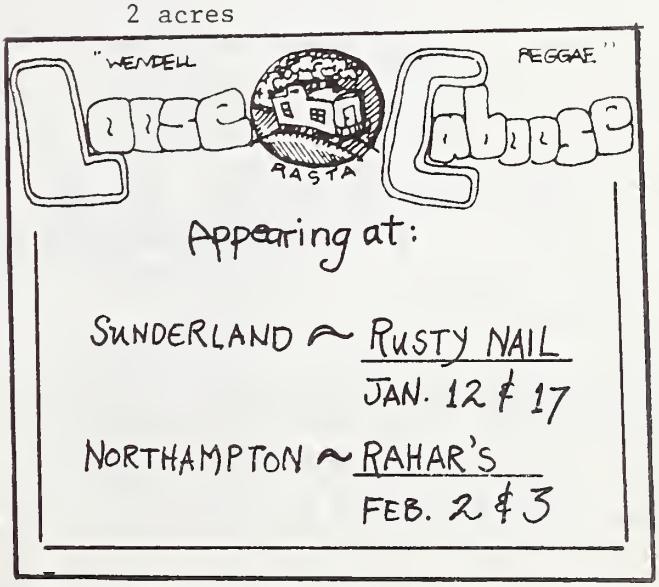
10/29/79 Raymond and Evelyn Doucette to Douglas Dawson
east side of Wendell to Locksvillage Rd.
land and building

11/ 9/79 Walter C. Jones to Susan K. Anderson
west side of Bullard Pasture Rd.
1.175 acres

11/ 9/79 Walter C. Jones to Christine Jemsen
West side of Bullard Pasture Rd.
1.175 acres

11/15/79 Ruby Whitmore, Ellen C. Ellis, Hattie Carey, Marian Dirth to Allyn Dorr
west side of highway leading to Wendell Depot from Locksvillage land

11/29/79 Elvin E. Hawes and Winifred I. Hawes to Thomas C. Knowls and Larry Burgess
east side Lock Hill Rd.
2 acres



Temenos, Nature's Gift

Seeking a local place that might reflect the mystery of the seasons, two Wendell Post reporters secured an invitation to visit the historic and remote site of Mt. Mineral Springs, just over the line into Shutesbury. There are many stories and legends surrounding the curious antiquities and natural phenomena found on the mountain. We had hopes that the mountain's sole year round residents, Teresina and Joseph Havens, living as they have for years on the very foundation of the once prosperous Mt. Mineral Hotel, might offer insights into old questions.

Mt. Mineral Springs prospered as a resort hotel through the mid 1800's, serving in the summer those in need of rest, mostly city persons. Other times were reserved for persons with offensive ailments, who came in response to claims that the mineral springs offered miraculous cures. Wendell Center and the Depot were stopovers for the travelers, who came by train to be met by the hotel stagecoach. There are those in Wendell who can share stories from these times.

In addition, the mountain shows evidence of ancient sojourners who came so long ago that no one is left to explain. At the mountain's base can be seen man-made caves, built of stone in the shape of beehives. At the crest of the mountain is a monolith of rock upon which is clearly carved the figure of a man within a bell. These relics, commonly attributed to early Celtic monk explorers of the 10th Century A.D., are indication that man in other times also found the mountain to be a place to pause.

Wondering about what drew these people from the past, and how the Havens see their role in this unique setting, we began the long walk up Horse Hill Road, the well-kept old stage coach road to the top. The craggy outcroppings, ditching and stonework along the way, as well as the quietness of the forest inspite of it being windy and the last day of deer hunting season, lent a flavor of entering a mythical kingdom.

At last we arrived in Temenos, the Greek word for the sacred area around a temple or altar where people may seek refuge, and the new name of Mt. Mineral Springs. A sign on a tree directed us to announce ourselves by ringing a gong. We were anwered by a strong looking white haired man who seemed both old and young, as did his wife, Teresina. We had been expected, and were greeted warmly by the attractive couple. A good hot lunch had been prepared for our arrival, but before sitting down to the table, Teresina showed us to the mineral springs. The mineral springs are four small round depressions in the bedrock, not more than a few feet apart. Out of each spring lightly bubbles water of different mineral content, all pleasant to the taste. As we warmed up and the table was set, we looked through a scrap-book of old advertisments and newspaper clippings which told accounts of medical cures caused by the spring water, as well as other historic commentary concerning the mountain. Teresina also had theories to explain why the springs indeed may offer ingredients for health. However, as the present proprietors of the Temenos area, the Havens' attitude seems to be more that of protectors rather than promotors of the springs.

Over lunch the Havens told us how it was that they came to own Temenos, some of their dreams, a little of how they view their experience of life, and how that experience is now intertwining with Temenos as a logical progression of history. Both of the Havens are professional people. Teresina is a faculty member at U Mass. Jo speaks of himself in the present, although his past is impressive. Both are busy with Temenos, which includes some interesting building projects. The Havens offer Temenos as a retreat, and sponsor occassional group events and workshops. People are invited to visit casually, with the request that the gong be rung upon arrival, or, if interested in the programs offered at Temenos, to write.

Before leaving Temenos, we climbed large outcroppings upon which the old hotel's visitors had carved their names and pictures years ago as peaceful therapy. As we made our descent into what suddenly seemed the more time bound world of Wendell Town, the wind-moved clouds became dramatically sunlit, and we felt the chill of the cold time coming again.

by Kathy-Ann Becker

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Well, almost unrestricted. A one-acre minimum lot size was established within the past few years. That, together with a state-mandated review process for subdivisions born automatically with the Planning Commission several years ago are the only formal development controls in Town.

The Planning Commission, somewhat demoralized by past rejections and a recent technicality that saw an accepted subdivision by-law go down the drain, is working fitfully on a new proposal for protecting Wendell's rural, residential character. While its members struggle to agree on such a plan--or even the NEED for one--handypersons all around Wendell are beaverishly fitting together small-scale developments that would sorely challenge the provisions of the traditional zoning code.

Communal living agrangements, shacks built from salvaged material with a wide range of taste in its selection and use, mobile homes on bare gravel plots, tipis--even tree houses have sheltered unorthodox Wendell residents during the past decade, as the absence of zoning let the Town grope for a new character from its agricultural and summer home past.

Some who lean toward modern suburban-style planning concepts cannot appreciate this rugged individualism at all, but others feel any zoning by-laws to some extent would have to encompass this free-spirited approach to property use to gain their vote in Town Meeting.

Most of these issues can cost the Town money, as it's not just pride that hangs on local self-determination; it's tax dollars. For Simos, "as far as I'm concerned, taxes are the whole basis for zoning."

Selectman Ted Lewis joins Simos in his support of zoning. "We need it," said Lewis. "We're in a mess." Lewis noted that Cercosimo Lumber Company, owner of nearly 150 acres of Bear Mountain, "could put in 200-300 houses here. The school is already overcrowded. Roads need to be upgraded.

Behind the pervasive fear of sudden large development is the realization that the average new home is as likely to be a net tax loss as a gain. If it has even one child going to public school, education and transportation costs can wipe out the family's entire tax contribution. "Only larger, more expensive homes with assessments well over $30,000 can be certain to carry their own tax burden," said Simos.

Industry, as a general rule, carries a good part of a town's tax base. But here the climate is chilly on both sides: industry needs good roads, electric service, water and sewers. And few Wendell residents complain that there is little industry in Town now. Only light, quiet industry could fit into the Town's character anyway, which Lewis describes as "agricultural and residential". Cottage industry, like George Butler's sign business, or Ken Wing's junkyard, is the prevailing type. Michael Idoine and others envision an enterprise in wood, agriculture, or crafts--that operates collectively and utilized the skills and energies of Wendell residents. Others are happy to commute to higher-paying jobs in nearby towns.

What traditional business "would want to bring would want to move into a town where (due to lack of development controls) the population can triple overnight, and taxes quadruple overnight?" asked Hegerheide. He said Wendell voters have a reputation for whimsicallity in Town Meetings, with sometimes violent effects on the tax rate.

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Planning Board Member Robert Hegerheide said"a proposed by-law must be loose enough that they'll accept it, but strict enough to offer some protection." Hegerheide is on the board with Raymond Avery, Helen Boland, Ralph Barnes, and Parker Cleveland.

Some citizens say before a by-law can be drafted that is anything more than a stab in the dark, the townspeople must express themselves on their objectives for Wendell. "What's lacking in planning is a method of finding out what people think about and desire for the future of their town." said Michael Idoine, chief organizing force for Wendell Concerned Citizens. He envisions "interviews and a survey."

This sequence--planning before zoning--also suggests an early decision on improving the Town's three bridges over the Miller's River, since the condition and size of the bridges will determine whether heavy commercial traffic can enter from Rt. 2. It requires an assessment of how likely industries are to move into the contemplated Erving-Northfield Industrial Park at Rt. 2 and Rt. 63, and whether the Orange-Athol Industrial Development District will finally fly.

"The Orange Industrial Park just received a million dollar grant from the federal government," reported Selectman Ken Simos. "The Erving park is almost assured. Conservatively, there'll be 800 new jobs from these industrial parks. "That," he said, "will put development pressure on Wendell."

Farsighted planning would also tend to take into account the probable future of the Town's chief natural resource, the 8,000-acre Wendell State Forest, and--in particular--the continuation of the state's payment-in-lieu-of-taxes for the forest. This now amounts to almost one-third of Wendell's budget.

Another planning question is the future of Town vs. state and county government, and whether the Town should be prepared to fend off further attempts by the county to take over bits and pieces of local functions--one of which is the planning and land use function.

"Wendell badly needs zoning," concluded Hogerheide. He said zoning has a bad reputation with some people, who "come right up out of their chair" at its very mention. Part of this, he observed, has to do with misconceptions. "Zoning doesn't have anything to do with building inspectors, plumbing inspectors, or electrical inspectors," he said.

(Next issue: Some possible types of development controls for Wendell)

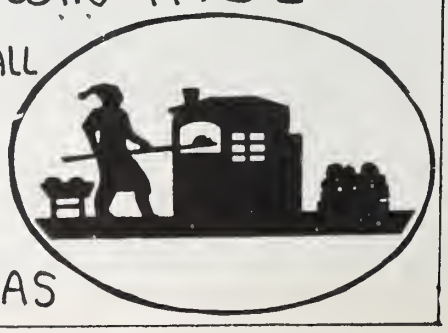
GET READY . . . . ITS' HARRY THAYERS BIRTHDAY AGAIN !!!!!!!

Harry will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on Monday, February 11th. Let's make it a really happy birthday for him. If you can drop in and wish him a "Happy Birthday", fine. If not, please send him a card in care of the Franklin Nursing Home, Conway Street, Greenfield, Mass. 01301.

About six years ago, Harry suffered a stroke, was hospitalized and eventually went into the nursing home. Time passes slowly for him and he has many lonely hours.

During the lifetime he spent in Wendell, Harry was a friend indeed (and in deed) to many of the townsfolk. Now it's our turn to show him that we still love him!

A friend of Harry's.

Holiday Greeting from the folks at Diemands Egg Farm

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